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Please substitute amended claims 1, 4, and 21 for pending claims 1, 4, and 21 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method comprising:

sonicating a stream containing a dispersion comprised of agglomerated primary particles; filtering the resulting sonicated stream containing a dispersion comprised of de-agglomerated primary particles and further comprising coating the resulting sonicated stream onto a receiver surface wherein the receiver surface is a coated photoreceptor substrate and wherein the de-agglomerated primary articles are separated in the resulting sonicated stream.

4. (Amended) The method in accordance with **claim 1**, wherein the

primary particles are toner particles comprised of a mixture of at least one colorant and a resin.

21. (Amended) An apparatus comprising:

an ultrasonicator adapted to ultrasonicate a stream of a liquid dispersion of agglomerated primary particles; a filter member adapted to filter the resulting ultrasonicated stream containing a dispersion of de-agglomerated primary particles; and

further comprising a second ultrasonicator adapted to ultrasonicate the filter member.

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Please add the following new claims 26 and 27:

26. (New) A method comprising:

sonicating a stream containing a dispersion comprised of agglomerated primary particles; and filtering the resulting sonicated stream containing a dispersion comprised of de-agglomerated primary particles, further comprising sonicating the filter media with a second sonicator during the filtering of the sonicated stream.

27. (New) An apparatus comprising:

an ultrasonicator adapted to ultrasonicate a stream of a liquid dispersion of agglomerated primary particles;

a filter member adapted to filter the resulting ultrasonicated stream containing a dispersion of de-agglomerated primary particles; and

a coater adapted to coat the resulting filtered stream containing a dispersion of de-agglomerated primary particles onto a receiver, wherein the receiver is a coated photoreceptor substrate.